

MEMORANDUM

TO: Governor

FROM: Buddy Bynum

RE: Post-Katrina press coverage

DATE: December 2, 2005

The attached package contains recent news stories and editorials detailing the observations of the media on the critical need for the federal government to come through with Katrina recovery funding, as was promised. The information may provide insight and, perhaps, enlightenment for Members of Congress and Senators whose regions were not struck by the hurricane.

While the text of these stories and editorials are included, the headlines offer a quick snapshot of the situation:

“Congress should not take a holiday until it passes relief for Katrina victims,” The Sun-Herald, Biloxi-Gulfport, Mississippi, November 18, 2005

“Set a precedent,” The Northeast Mississippi Daily Journal, Tupelo, Mississippi, November 30, 2005

“Where is money for highways?” The Hattiesburg American, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, November 28, 2005

“Whole state baffled by fed inaction,” The Clarion-Ledger, Jackson, Mississippi, December 1, 2005

“Congress needs to act now,” The Hattiesburg American, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, November 15, 2005

“Uncertainties offset by high hopes,” The Clarion-Ledger, Jackson, Mississippi November 27, 2005

“Top expert: Katrina the No. 1 costly hurricane,” The Starkville Daily News, Starkville, Mississippi, November 28, 2005

“Coast medical needs a long-term problem,” The Clarion-Ledger, Jackson, Mississippi, November 30, 2005

“Miss. Coastal U.S. 90 bridges on hold until feds offer more help,” The Sun-Herald, Biloxi-Gulfport, Mississippi, November 25, 2005

“Repairs to U.S. 90 bridges await funds,” The Associated Press, November 25, 2005

“Katrina doubles crime lab workload,” The Clarion-Ledger, Jackson, Mississippi November 30, 2005

“Slow reimbursements putting towns in precarious positions,” The Tuscaloosa, Ala., News, November 22, 2005

“3 months after Katrina, feelings mixed about recovery,” The Associated Press, November 28, 2005

“Supervisors blast feds for poor storm performance,” The Mississippi Press, Pascagoula, Mississippi, December 1, 2005

“In Mississippi, time now stands still,” The Washington Post, November 25, 2005

“Katrina aid falls short of promises, antipoverty funding loses momentum,” The Boston Globe, November 27, 2005